Providence Church

11:00 am December 29, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

* Opening Praise

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise him, all creatures here below Praise him above, ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Call to Worship

Psalm 66

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God,

People: And I will declare what He has done for my soul.

Leader: I cried to Him with my mouth,

People: And He was extolled with my tongue.

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen! **People: He is risen indeed!**

* Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn

God, Be Merciful to Me

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Scriptural Exhortation

Romans 12:1-2

Prayer of Confession: Most merciful Father, Your plan for us is to know, serve, and magnify You through Jesus Christ. By Your great love, You have opened our eyes to new life in Him. We confess our devotion to You is still very weak. We follow the lusts and pleasures of worldliness too easily. Forgive us. Wash us clean; purify us by the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ at the cross. Make our chief desire to love and honor You above all.

Help us to press ever upward in the call of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

I John 1: 8-9

* Hymn of Response

Amazing Grace!

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* Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q194: What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A194: In the fifth petition (which is, Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors), acknowledging that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God; and that neither we, nor any other creature, can make the least satisfaction for that debt: we pray for ourselves and others, that God of his free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, apprehended and applied by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin, accept us in his Beloved; continue his favor and grace to us, pardon our daily failings, and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness; which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.

Prayer of the Congregation and The Lord's Prayer

Ruling Elder Norval Sells

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,

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For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, And the glory forever, Amen.

Hymn And Can It Be That I Should Gain #431 (Stanzas 1, 3, 5)

Sermon Text: Mark 2:1-12

Sermon Title: Rev. Harry Monroe

The Power to Forgive

* The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, And born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven. And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, and the life Everlasting.

* Benediction

^{*} Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #429

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